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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Interview of [redacted] with the House
Select Committee on Intelligence

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1. At the request of [redacted] of the Review Staff, I met with Emily Sheketoff on 15 October 1975. Ms. Sheketoff is a member of the Staff of the House Select Committee on Intelligence and had requested that I meet with her to discuss my assignment in 1970/71 to the Surveys and Investigations Staff of the House Appropriations Committee. Ms. Sheketoff told me during the course of our meeting that, in the list provided to the House Select Committee on Intelligence of Agency employees who had been detailed to other Government Agencies, the only information provided to them in my case was my name, the fact that I had been detailed to the House, and the purpose simply described as "electronic warfare." She said that Congressman Pike reacted rather violently when he read this and requested that I be interviewed. The office in which the interview was conducted is controlled by a security guard but the room in which I talked to Ms. Sheketoff included no other special security precautions. Ms. Sheketoff and I were the only two persons in the room at the time of the interview.

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2. Ms. Sheketoff began the interview by allowing me to read a copy of the rules and security regulations of the Committee and advised me if I had any reservations or questions regarding my answers to her questions I could call Headquarters for advice. Prior to the interview I had talked with [redacted] regarding security regulations as they pertain to my work at the Agency and my assignment to the House Appropriations Committee.

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3. The interview lasted no more than 45 minutes and Ms. Sheketoff did not attempt to go into any great depth regarding the work conducted during my assignment. The interview can be summarized somewhat as follows:

Question: What was your job title at the Agency in 1971?
(It was apparent that Ms. Sheketoff had not carefully checked her notes since my assignment began in 1970 and carried into 1971, however, this point was clarified later.)

Answer : I described my position as Deputy Chief of the Air Systems Division in the Office of ELINT. Following the assignment, I was appointed C/ENG in the Special Systems Division of the Office of ELINT.

Question: Does ELINT stand for electronic intelligence?

Answer : Yes.

Question: When did you begin your assignment?

Answer : On 1 September 1970.

Question: Do you know how you happened to be chosen for this assignment?

Answer : The Director of the Surveys and Investigations Staff, Mr. Paul Mohr, was acquainted with [redacted] who was Director of ELINT in 1970 and, knowing that [redacted] worked in the field of electronics, asked if he had someone familiar with the field of electronic warfare who could be loaned to assist in the investigation. With [redacted] concurrence, Mr. Mohr then wrote to Mr. Helms, the DCI at the time, and requested that I be assigned to the study. 25X1

Question: Did Mr. Mohr ask for you by name?

Answer : Not at first; he initially asked for another individual and [redacted] suggested my name due to other commitments on the part of the other person. (I was not asked for the name of the other person.) 25X1

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Question: What was the purpose of your assignment to this study?

Answer : The study had been requested by Congressman Mahon for an investigation of airborne electronic warfare systems procurements by the military departments. The study primarily had to do with the cost effectiveness of various military EW systems and the cooperation between the military departments regarding procurements of similar systems. Due to the nature of these systems, Mr. Mohr wanted someone on the team with a technical background and experience in EW. (At this point I had to give Ms. Sheketoff a brief definition of EW and ECM.)

Question: How many other people were on the team?

Answer : Three.

Question: What was their background?

Answer : Accounting and law.

Question: Did any of the other people on the Surveys and Investigations Staff know you were a CIA employee?

Answer : Some of them did.

Question: Do you know what agency the other members of the team came from?

Answer : Yes.

Question: What Agency was it?

Answer : The FBI.

Question: The FBI?

Answer : Yes. (I was not asked their names.)

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Question: Do you believe you obtained any benefit from this assignment; and in particular, did you gain any insight into other Government departments?

Answer : Yes, I did gain some insight into the manner in which Mr. Mahon obtains the information he uses in relation to his position as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Question: Do you know of people from other Agencies who have been detailed on assignment to your organization?

Answer : Yes. (I was not asked to identify them or their organization.)

Question: Why were they so assigned?

Answer : To supplement our staff in areas in which they had expertise.

Question: Was it worthwhile?

Answer : Yes.

4. Ms. Sheketoff then asked if I had any comments to make regarding policies within the CIA and if there were any changes I would like to see made. I asked her to rephrase the question and she replied that the House Select Committee simply wanted any information that might allow them to be of assistance to us. I told Ms. Sheketoff that I did not consider that to be the purpose of my interview and that what she was asking for seemed to be a gripe list which could be common to most organizations. I reviewed for her a few rather innocuous points, pointing out in particular, the difficulties being caused in the entire intelligence community by the Congressional investigations. Following this, the interview was terminated.

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